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Title: Systems and Methods for Exploratory
Analysis of Data for Event Management

RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Sir:

In response to the final Office Action dated April 8, 2003, Applicants present the following remarks for consideration:

REMARKS

The present application was filed on July 27, 1999 with claims 1-20. In the final Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1-20 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,118,936 to Lauer (hereinafter "Lauer") in view of Applicants' specification at page 2, lines 18, 19, 26 and 27 (hereinafter "alleged APA") and further in view of David A. Rabenhorst, "Interactive Exploration of Multidimensional Data," Proceedings of the SPIE Symposium on Electronic Imaging, February 1994 (hereinafter "Rabenhorst").